

Every home and business has a sewer connection to the public sewer system. This connection runs from the home or business to the sewer main where it is connected to the public sewer system.

This on-site sewer line is the responsibility of the home or business owner to keep clear so there are no back-ups of wastewater into the home or business.



Save yourself and your Sewer Utility from costly repairs and/or replacement bills. Do not flush the listed items; place them in the trash, not the toilet.

### *What we all can do to help...*

The following items should never be flushed into the sewer system:

- \*Disinfecting wipes, Baby wipes.
- \*Q-tips.
- \*Toilet cleaning pads.
- \*Mop or "Swiffer" type refills.
- \*Paper towels.
- \*Disposable diapers.
- \*Feminine hygiene products.
- \*Moist towelettes.
- \*Any consumer item that is not toilet paper.



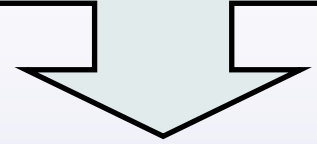
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### *"Flushable Wipes"*

### **Are they Really Flushable?**



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# Wipes Clog Pipes and Pumps



Baby wipes, household wipes and other wipes labeled "flushable" make up 40 percent of what sewer operators find during pump cleaning.

Many household products are labeled and marketed as disposable; many baby hygiene products are labeled both disposable and flushable.

And while these products may be marketed as a convenience item in this way, the truth is that these household wipes and cleaning towelettes have the ability to clog and stop up not only the sewer line on your property, but also can cause blockage and service problems in the public sewer system and pump stations.

Unlike toilet paper, these products don't break down once they are flushed. They can cause **blockages** in your onsite sewer, especially older pipelines that may have greases, roots, or other obstructions already existing.

A repair of the on-site sewer line can leave the home owner or business owner with a nasty repair bill.

On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system they collect together and cause clogs in the main collector lines and get tangled in pump stations requiring repair or replacement of equipment.

**REMEMBER**



*Toilet paper and human waste are the only items that should be flushed. Other waste products should be disposed of properly in the trash can.*